**Youth and Crime Quiz**

**What are the facts regarding youth crime in the United States? Test your crime-I.Q. with the following quiz.**

**1. According to the US Center for Justice Statistics, how many youths were charged with homicide in 1997?**

a) 13 ( c )

b) 54

c) 94

d) 136

**2. How many youths were charged with Violent Crime (including murder, sexual assault, assault, robbery with a weapon and abduction) in 1997?**

a) 5,639

b) 16,903

c) 22,252 (c)

d) 99,611 

**3. Of the following property crimes, which were youths most often charged with?**

a) Motor Vehicle Theft

b) Theft Over $5,000 (includes bicycles, goods stolen from automobiles and shoplifting)

c) Theft Under $5,000 (includes bicycles, goods stolen from ( c ) automobiles and shoplifting)

d) Breaking and Entering

**4. Identify the drug that youths were most often charged in connection with (either for possession, importing or trafficking).**

a) Cannabis ( a )

b) Cocaine

c) Heroin

d) Other Drugs

**5. If you are female, you are most likely to be a victim of violence from:**

a) a stranger

b) a friend or aquaintance ( c )

c) a family member

**6. If you are male, you are most likely to be a victim of violence from:**

a) a stranger ( a )

b) a friend or aquaintance

c) a family member

**7. The largest percentage of arrests for Criminal Code incidents involves people between the ages of:**

a) 14 and 22 ( a )

b) 23 and 30

c) 31 and 40

**8. The majority of Americans believe that youth crime has**

a) decreased in the past decade

b) increased in the past decade ( b )

c) remained the same

**9. Many academics believe that the media are chiefly to blame for false public perceptions regarding crime. Media sensationalism of violence has been cited as the cause of:** 

a) increased fear

b) desensitization to real-life violence

c) aggressive behaviour

d) all of the above ( D )

**10. Distorted portrayals of youth in the media have led to:** 

a) increased demand for tougher young-offender laws

b) demands for curfews for children under 16

c) more regular transferring of young offenders to adult courts

d) all of the above ( D )